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SUBJECT: SCM: DRAFT COMMUNIQUE

FOLLOWING IS DRAFT COMMUNIQUE WHICH MAY BE GIVEN TO ROKG AS  
BASIS FOR FINAL SCM JOINT COMMUNIQUE:

### QUOTE

1. THE TENTH ANNUAL SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING BETWEEN  
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WAS  
HELD IN SEOUL, KOREA ON JULY 25 AND 26, 1977 IN ACCORDANCE  
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WITH THE AGREEMENT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1971 BETWEEN THE GOVERN-  
MENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA AND AS AGREED AT THE ANNUAL SECURITY CONSULTATIVE  
MEETING IN HONOLULU, HAWAII, ON MAY 26-27, 1976.

2. MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE SUH JYONG CHUL, SECRETARY  
OF DEFENSE HAROLD BROWN, GENERAL GEORGE S. BROWN, CHAIRMAN  
OF THE U.S. JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, GENERAL RO JAE HYUN,  
CHAIRMAN OF THE ROK JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, AND OTHER SENIOR  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE OFFICIALS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS

PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING. DURING HIS VISIT SECRETARY BROWN CALLED ON HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE AND PRIME MINISTER CHOI KYU HAH.

3. MINISTER SUH AND SECRETARY BROWN DISCUSSED OVERALL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ASIA AND PACIFIC AREA, AND CAREFULLY EXAMINED THE SECURITY SITUATION IN NORTHEAST ASIA. THE TWO DELEGATIONS JOINTLY ASSESSED THE MILITARY THREAT TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, AND CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE CAPABILITIES OF THE COMBINED FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO DEFEND AGAINST THIS THREAT. SECRETARY BROWN EXPLAINED THAT, GIVEN THE DRAMATIC ECONOMIC AND MILITARY PROGRESS MADE BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, AND THE REPUBLIC'S EXCELLENT PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER INCREASING ITS CAPABILITY TO SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY ON THE PENINSULA, THE UNITED STATES HAS CONCLUDED THAT A CAREFULLY PHASED WITHDRAWAL OF UNITED STATES GROUND FORCES OVER A FOUR TO FIVE YEAR PERIOD IS APPROPRIATE AND WILL NOT AFFECT THE MILITARY BALANCE ON THE PENINSULA PROVIDED IT IS ACCOMPANIED BY MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN AND MODERNIZE THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FORCES DURING THE WITHDRAWAL PERIOD. SECRETARY BROWN NOTED THAT UNITED STATES AIR, NAVAL AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL

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AVAILABLE TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

4. MINISTER SUH DESCRIBED THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA'S DEFENSE POSTURE IN LIGHT OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. GROUND FORCES, NOTING THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED U.S. MILITARY SUPPORT AND THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO KOREAN SECURITY. SECRETARY BROWN STRONGLY EMPHASIZED THE UNITED STATES' STAUNCH DETERMINATION TO PROVIDE PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMITMENT OF THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY OF 1954 IN THE EVENT OF AN ARMED ATTACK AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. THE SECRETARY CONVEYED PRESIDENT CARTER'S ASSURANCES THAT THE GROUND FORCE WITHDRAWAL IN NO WAY LESSENED THE UNITED STATES COMMITMENT TO THE DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THAT THE WITHDRAWAL WILL BE UNDERTAKEN IN A MANNER WHICH WILL PRESERVE PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION. SECRETARY BROWN STATED THAT THE U.S. TACTICAL AIR CAPABILITY WHICH WILL REMAIN ON THE PENINSULA, IN COMBINATION WITH OTHER U.S. LAND, SEA AND AIR FORCES IN THE AREA, WILL BE A CLEAR DEMONSTRATION OF UNITED STATES DETERMINATION IN THIS REGARD.

5. AGREEING THAT THERE HAD BEEN COMPLETE AND CANDID CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS REGARDING MODALITIES OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF UNITED STATES GROUND FORCES FROM THE ROK, AND MEASURES TO OFFSET THEIR WITHDRAWAL, MINISTER SUH AND SECRETARY BROWN REVIEWED THE RESULTS OF THESE CONSULTATIONS. THEY AGREED THAT AN INITIAL 6,000

MAN INCREMENT OF UNITED STATES GROUND FORCES WOULD BE  
WITHDRAWN BY THE END OF CALENDAR YEAR 1978. THE REMAINING  
GROUND FORCES WOULD BE WITHDRAWN WITHIN A FOUR TO FIVE

YEAR PERIOD. SECRETARY BROWN SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES  
AIR FORCE UNITS REMAINING IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WOULD  
BE AUGMENTED AS APPROPRIATE IN THE FUTURE. CERTAIN UNITED  
STATES INTELLIGENCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND OTHER SUPPORT  
ELEMENTS WOULD ALSO REMAIN IN KOREA. MINISTER SUH AND  
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SECRETARY BROWN AGREED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
KOREAN CAPABILITIES, THE MILITARY BALANCE ON THE PENINSULA,  
AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE  
REGION WOULD REMAIN UNDER CONTINUING REVIEW TO INSURE THAT  
THE DETERRENT TO NORTH KOREAN AGGRESSION REMAINS STRONG.

6. NOTING THE LONG HISTORY OF CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN  
THEIR RESPECTIVE ARMED FORCES, THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF  
THE ARMED FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, AND THE DESIRA-  
BILITY OF FURTHER EXPANDING THESE CLOSE TIES, MINISTER SUH  
AND SECRETARY BROWN AGREED ON THE GOAL OF ESTABLISHING  
A COMBINED UNITED STATES-REPUBLIC OF KOREA COMMAND FOR THE  
DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. MINISTER SUH AND  
SECRETARY BROWN ALSO AGREED THAT THE PLANNING AND STUDIES  
FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE COMBINED COMMAND ALREADY BEGUN  
BY THEIR RESPECTIVE STAFFS WOULD CONTINUE WITH A VIEW TO  
EARLY APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION. THE SECRETARY OF  
DEFENSE AND THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE NOTED THAT  
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMBINED COMMAND WILL INAUGURATE  
A NEW ERA FOR THE ROK ARMED FORCES, AND SYMBOLIZES THE  
JOINT COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC  
OF KOREA TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE  
KOREAN PENINSULA.

7. MINISTER SUH AND SECRETARY BROWN REVIEWED THE  
CONSULTATIONS PREPARATORY TO THE SCM AND DISCUSSED  
MEASURES DESIGNED TO ASSURE THE CONTINUING SECURITY OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. IN THIS CONNECTION SECRETARY BROWN  
EXPRESSED THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION, SUBJECT  
TO CONSULTATIONS AND THE APPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES  
CONGRESS, TO ASSIST THE ROK IN FURTHER IMPROVING ITS  
MILITARY CAPABILITIES AS FOLLOWS:

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(1) TO TRANSFER AT NO COST TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA SELECT-  
ED EQUIPMENT NOW IN THE INVENTORY OF UNITED STATES FORCES  
IN KOREA;

(2) TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTARY FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CREDITS TO HELP THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IMPROVE THE GROUND FORCE CAPABILITIES;

(3) TO CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR GENERAL KOREAN FORCE MODERNIZATION;

SECRETARY BROWN ALSO STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL:

(1) WITHIN THE PROVISIONS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S WORLD-WIDE ARMS TRANSFER POLICY, MAKE AVAILABLE APPROPRIATE WEAPONS TO INSURE THAT THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS CAPABLE OF DETERRING NORTH KOREAN AGGRESSION;

(2) MAKE SPECIAL EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA'S SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROJECTS IN THE DEFENSE INDUSTRY FIELD WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S ARMS TRANSFER POLICY; AND

(3) CONTINUE AND EXPAND JOINT EXERCISES WITH THE FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO INCREASE THE READINESS OF COMBINED UNITED STATES AND REPUBLIC OF KOREA FORCES TO RESIST ANY RENEWED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

8. EVINCING CONFIDENCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA'S GROUND DEFENSE CAPABILITIES, MINISTER SUH AND SECRETARY BROWN AGREED THAT SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THIS TRANSITION, TOGETHER WITH UNITED STATES AIR, NAVAL AND LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND THE UNITED STATES FIRM COMMITMENT TO THE SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR  
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TO NORTH KOREA THAT NO ARMED ATTACK COULD SUCCEED AND THAT COOPERATION FOR THE REDUCTION OF TENSIONS ON THE PENINSULA IS THE ONLY POSSIBLE APPROACH TO THE KOREAN QUESTION. IN THIS REGARD, THE TWO DELEGATIONS NOTED THE SIGNIFICANT POLICY INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO REDUCE TENSIONS AND TO CONSOLIDATE PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. THEY NOTED PARTICULARLY THE SPECIAL STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE ON JUNE 23, 1973, REGARDING A FOREIGN POLICY FOR PEACE AND UNIFICATION OF KOREA, THE PROPOSAL FOR A NON-AGGRESSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND NORTH ON JANUARY 18, 1974, AND THE THREE BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF KOREA AS ENUNCIATED BY PRESIDENT PARK IN HIS ADDRESS ON AUGUST 15, 1974. FURTHER, THE TWO DELEGATIONS URGED THAT THE NORTH KOREANS DEMONSTRATE THEIR READINESS TO RESOLVE THE KOREAN QUESTION PEACEFULLY BY AGREEING TO NORMALIZATION OF THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND NORTH AS CALLED FOR BY PRESIDENT PARK IN HIS STATEMENT ON JULY 4, 1975.

9. THE TWO DELEGATIONS ALSO NOTED THE INITIATIVE TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ON JUNE 27, 1975, PROVIDING FOR THE TERMINATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND IN CONJUNCTION WITH APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. THEY FURTHER NOTED THE

UNITED STATES INITIATIVE OF SEPTEMBER 22, 1975 FOR A FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE ON KOREA, AND SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE'S REAFFIRMATION ON JUNE 29, 1977, OF THE UNITED STATES' READINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A CONFERENCE. THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AFFIRMED ITS CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR THIS INITIATIVE.

10. THE TWO DELEGATIONS AGREED EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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MADE TO ASSURE FRIEND AND FOE ALIKE NOT ONLY OF THEIR MUTUAL DETERMINATION TO DEFEND AGAINST ATTACK, BUT ALSO OF THEIR DESIRE TO EFFECT A PERMANENT, PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE KOREAN QUESTION. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION PLEDGED TO EXERT EVERY EFFORT TOWARD THIS END. AT THE SAME TIME, IT ALSO REAFFIRMED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT ENTER ANY NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF THE PENINSULA WITH NORTH KOREA WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION ALSO NOTED THAT IF NORTH KOREA'S ALLIES WERE PREPARED TO IMPROVE THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, THE UNITED STATES REMAINED READY TO TAKE RECIPROCAL STEPS TOWARD NORTH KOREA. THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FULLY SUPPORTED THE CONSTRUCTIVE UNITED STATES POSITION.

11. BOTH DELEGATIONS AGREED THAT THE NEXT ANNUAL SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN 1978 AT THE INVITATION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

12. SECRETARY BROWN EXPRESSED SINCERE APPRECIATION TO MINISTER SUH FOR THE COURTESY AND HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO HIM AND HIS DELEGATION BY THE AUTHORITIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, AND FOR THE EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENTS WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE MEETING. UNQUOTE VANCE

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